
**OVERVIEW OF PUBLIC PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY
PARTNERSHIPS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

1. Since the last meeting of the Council, the following are the main areas of work the Public Protection and Community Partnerships Scrutiny Committee has undertaken :-

- (a) **Work Programme** – We considered the Work Programme for the Municipal Year 2005/06 and examined Cabinet’s Forward Plan for particular areas of interest and concern and are examining further areas for undertaking Task and Finish Review Groups during 2005/06 as this Committee’s next major Review.

Following the meeting a ‘brainstorming’ exercise was held for Members of this Scrutiny to give their views on the work programme of this Scrutiny Committee and to suggest areas for scrutiny and review during the new Municipal Year.

- (b) **Review /Task and Finish Groups** – The final report of the Dogs Review Group was presented to Committee on 6th December, 2005 where the recommendations of the Review Group were approved and it was submitted to Cabinet on 10th January, 2006 when the recommendations were noted.

We also received a report from Officers on CCTV in bus shelters and the findings of the Task and Finish Review Group on the same.

- (c) **Food Standards Agency Audit Improvement Action Plan** – We considered the outcomes of an audit carried out by the Food Standards Agency in October 2004 and the action plan as an outcome of the audit which was reviewed in October 2005. During discussion of the action plan Members agreed that this could be an area where future review could be undertaken of food standards.

- (d) **Licensing Act 2003** – We received an update on the progress made under the Licensing act 2003 since the transfer of the responsibility for the licensing of sale and supply of alcohol from the Magistrates Court to local authorities. This Scrutiny Committee will continue to monitor the situation and receive regular updates.

- (e) **Local Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy** – We received a six-monthly progress report covering April 2005 to October 2005 on the Local Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy actions within our remit.

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